



## Lawton Taylor "L.T." Ward Jr.

September 6, 1930 - July 26, 2025

Lawton Taylor ("L.T.") Ward, Jr., went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 26, 2025, after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mary Catherine deSabra ("Kakie") Ward, his wife Joyce Roe Ward, his parents, Mr. & Mrs. L.T. Ward, Sr., his sister Francis Drysdale, and his nieces Jane Drysdale and Jodi Newton.

He is survived by his children, daughter Terri Lynn Ward, sons Lawton Taylor Ward, III (Angela), Timothy David Ward (Pendleton), Thomas Scott Ward (Tiffany) and grandchildren Taylor Ward, Haley Ward, Lawton Ward, Brevard Ward Wilbanks, Sarah Grace Ward, Zachary Ward, Harrison Ward, Whitney Ward, Ashlee Perez, Stephen Lintner, Andrew Lintner, John Lintner and Will Lintner, great-grandchildren Ward Wilbanks, Wesley Perez, David Lintner, and Ellie Kate Lintner, and his nephew James Drysdale.

He is also survived by Roe Family children Carolyn Comer, Bill Roe, Jimbo Roe and Cami Earnest, grandchildren Carrie Comer, Bryan Comer, Dalton Roe, Landon Roe, Laney Roe, Pastor Hunter Roe, Sydney Shook, Rebecca King, Slone Earnest, and great-grandchildren Luke Roe, Emma Jane Roe, Sarah Lou Roe, and Rosie Shook.

L.T. was born on September 6, 1930, in Bessemer, Alabama, where he lived his entire life. He graduated from Bessemer High School in 1947 and Birmingham Southern College in 1952, where he played basketball and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He spent his 47-year career in the automotive business working for Drennan Motor Company and Tom Williams Automotive until he retired in 1999. He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bessemer and The Baptist Church at McAdory his entire adult life, serving for many years as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, choir member, and on numerous other church committees. He devoted his life to serving his church and the community.

He was also a member of Financial Executives International for 55 years, a member of The Club, Inc., and the Metropolitan Dinner Club of Birmingham. He was a long-time active member and board member of Legacy YMCA of Bessemer, a former school board member of Bessemer Academy, board member and chairman of the Garrett Foundation, and an active member of Walnut Lake Land Company.

Along with his family, he was deeply grateful to his church family, friends, and neighbors for all of the love and support they provided him in his later years.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Garrett Foundation, in care of The Baptist Church at McAdory. The Garrett Foundation is a non-profit Christian book publisher that provides free books to prison inmates, the armed forces, and others in need. The Celebration of Life for L.T. will be Friday, August 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM at The Baptist Church at McAdory, 4954 Eastern Valley Road, Bessemer, AL 35111. The family will receive friends Friday from 10:00 AM until service time at the church.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Baptist Church at McAdory  
4954 Eastern Valley Rd  
McCalla, AL 35111

## Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Baptist Church at McAdory  
4954 Eastern Valley Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ JOHN And.SARAH ELAM lit a candle in memory of Lawton Taylor "L.T." Ward Jr.



JOHN and.SARAH ELAM - August 07, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ Dear Ward siblings, growing up in Bessemer my Dad and yours had the very same teachers all the way through high school. L.T. and George Neal Wilson were best friends, and that extended to our Mama Barbara, and all four Wilson children, Ken, Alice, Leslie, and myself, Gran. We loved your Dad, and grew up hearing LT. and Dad stories which we cherished. L.T. would come by the house frequently taking his walk. Once he came by while we were shooting baskets in the driveway, playing "Horse." Dad always talked about what a great basketball player your dad was, so we begged him to play. "Aw shucks George, it's been years since I even touched a round ball," he said. But we begged, so he takes the ball, goes to the end of the driveway, and hits about a dozen three point distance shots without a single miss! I never forgot that. He also bailed me out once on the Red Mountain expressway when I had a flat tire in horrendous traffic. He was going to wait with me until the wrecker came. But the cars and trucks were whizzing by so fast, he quickly decided to get us both in his car and get the heck out of there! We kept going back and forth until the wrecker made it. He was a special person, we adored him, and send our sincerest condolences to all of you.

Gran Wilson

Gran Wilson - July 30, 2025 at 01:05 PM